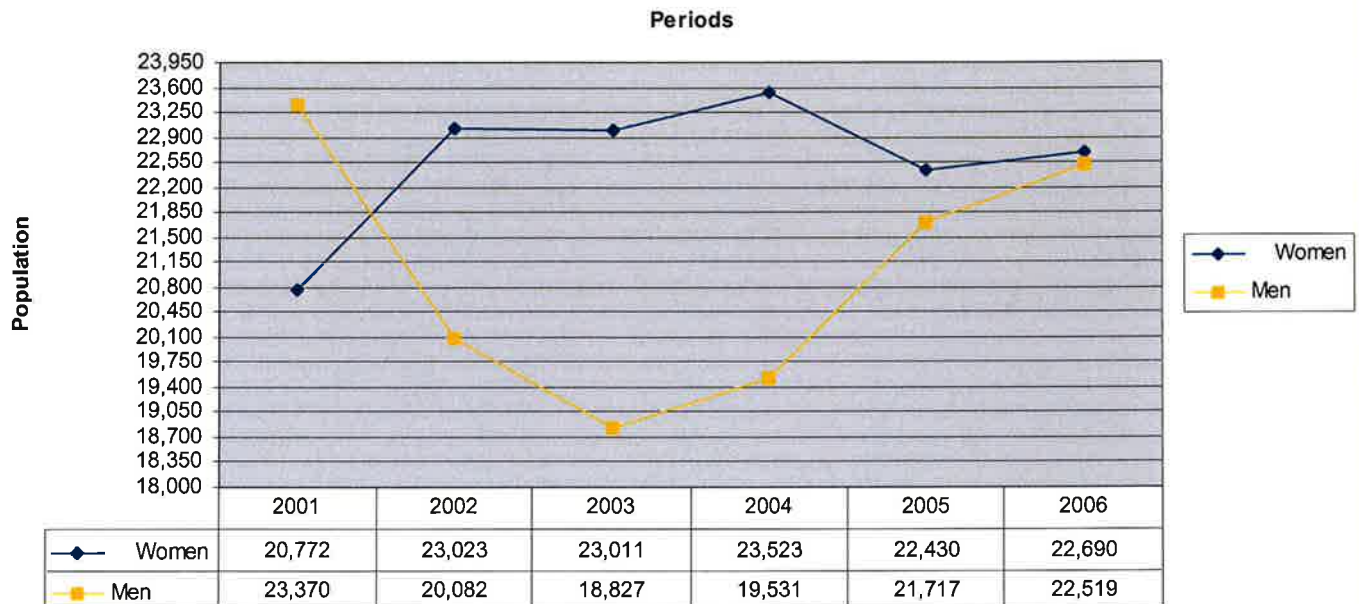


Women in the Workforce

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Over the past six years 2001– 2006 the Virgin Islands labor force has been represented by a larger population of women. This trend has continued to grow from 47% in 2001 and peaked to as high as 55% in 2003 (see chart 1 below detailing six year trend). The most recent data of 2006 reflects a convergence of the genders close to 50/50.

Six Year Labor Force Gender Trend



As a percent of each industry classification, (CES data collection on the labor force, separates in accordance with NAICS North American Industrial Classification System) females represent a higher percentage of workers and are employed in the Virgin Islands service and hospitality, finance and insurance at a six year average of 80.4%, health care and social services industry averaging 85.3% , and food services and drinking places at 67.2% (see tables).



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In contrast, the natural resources, mining, and construction industry represent the lower side of women employed in that industry. Although women represent the smaller percent of this population, the year over year growth reflects more women representation in this industry that has traditionally been male dominated (*see table below*).

Finance & Insurance	1,065	1,066	1,366	1,456	1,422	1,400
Women	864	862	1,088	1,185	1,128	1,117
%Women	81.1%	80.9%	79.6%	81.4%	79.3%	79.8%
Health Care & Social Services	1,100	1,116	1,193	1,279	1,298	1,371
Women	968	969	1,040	1,109	1,072	1,107
%Women	88.0%	86.8%	87.2%	86.7%	82.6%	80.7%
Food Services & Drinking Places	2,216	2,323	2,256	2,414	2,455	2,511
Women	1,566	1,649	1,586	1,679	1,493	1,521
%Women	70.7%	71.0%	70.3%	69.6%	60.8%	60.6%
Natural Resources & Mining & Construction	3,801	2,722	1,666	1,924	2,438	3,095
Women	329	272	223	269	318	338
%Women	8.7%	10.0%	13.4%	14.0%	13.0%	10.9%

Overall, data has continued to reflect a trend of women comprising a larger percentage of Virgin Islands workforce and it seems by statistical data collected this trend will continue to stay steady in coming years.



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